

Subpart A—Local Technical Assistance

§ 307.1 Purpose and scope.

Local Technical Assistance projects are intended to:

- (a) Determine the causes of excessive unemployment, underemployment, low per capita income, or high poverty rates in areas and regions of the Nation;
- (b) Assist in formulating and implementing new economic development tools, models, and innovative techniques that will raise employment and income levels; and
- (c) Assist distressed communities in formulating and implementing new economic development programs to increase the technology and human capacity of the communities. Local Technical Assistance funds may not be used to start or expand a private business.

§ 307.2 Application evaluation criteria.

EDA selects local technical assistance projects for grant awards according to the general application evaluation criteria set forth in part 304 of this chapter and the extent, as appropriate, the project:

- (a) Strengthens the local capacity to undertake and promote effective economic development programs targeted to people and areas of distress;
- (b) Benefits distressed areas;
- (c) Helps to diversify distressed economies;
- (d) Demonstrates innovative approaches to stimulating economic development in distressed areas; and
- (e) Is consistent with the CEDS or other strategy accepted by EDA for the area in which the project is located.

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§ 307.3 Award and grant rate requirements.

(a) EDA will provide assistance for the period of time required to complete the project scope of work, generally not to exceed twelve months.

(b) If the project is regional in scope, EDA may determine that the requirement that public or private nonprofit organizations must act in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision

of a State is satisfied by the nature of the project;

(c) Grant rate:

(1) The maximum Federal grant rate for a project under this subpart is:

- (i) 50 percent, except as supplemented as provided in § 301.4(b); or
- (ii) Up to and including 100 percent, if the project is not feasible without, and merits, a reduction or waiver of the non-Federal share required under the rate provided in § 301.4(b).

(2) A project is eligible for a supplemental grant increasing the Federal share up to and including 100 percent when the applicant is able to demonstrate that,

(i) It cannot provide the non-Federal share otherwise required because in the overall economic situation there is a lack of available non-Federal share due, for instance, to the pressing demand for its use elsewhere;

(ii) The project is addressing major causes of distress in the service area and requires the unique characteristics of the applicant, which will not participate in the program if it must provide all or part of a 50 percent non-Federal share; or

(iii) The project is for the benefit of local, State, regional, or national economic development efforts, and will be of no or only incidental benefit to the recipient.

(3) A project receiving a supplemental grant increasing the Federal share under paragraph (c)(2) of this section is not eligible for additional Federal grant assistance under § 301.4(d) of this chapter, *i.e.*, the 10 percent incentive increase for certain projects in districts.

(4) A local technical assistance project is eligible for a Federal grant rate of more than 75 percent, up to 100 percent, only if approved by the Assistant Secretary.

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Subpart B—University Center Program

§ 307.4 Post-approval requirements.

Financial reports, progress reports, and project products will be specified